

Official Report of the Supervisors' Meeting.

Several Resolutions Adopted

Governor Pinckney Will Support O. W. Robinson's Railroad Bill—Other Two City News.

Houghton, Mich., December 8, 1896. A meeting of the board of supervisors for the county of Houghton was held pursuant to adjournment, at the office of the county clerk, in the village of Houghton on Tuesday, the 8th day of December, A. D., 1896.

The following supervisors were present: John Duncan, chairman, Calumet Township; A. D. Edwards, Adams; G. C. Bentley, Chassell; W. Wright, Franklin; J. W. Wright, Hancock; W. Parnall, Oscoda; C. Scott, Portage; C. Fox, Quincy; S. B. Harris, Torch Lake; Charles Smith, Torch Lake.

The minutes of the last meeting were then read and on motion approved by the board.

The bond of Isaac W. Frimodig as county treasurer, in the sum of \$100,000, with Charles Briggs, R. H. Osborn, Peter Ruppe, Jr., John D. Cuddihy, Joseph Herman, Josiah Hall, W. B. Anderson, Edward Ryan, John H. Rice, J. W. Wright, William E. Parnall and James N. Seager, as sureties thereon, was presented, on motion, accepted, approved and ordered placed on file.

The bond of Robert H. Shields as county clerk, in the sum of \$2,000, with Henry Dittler, Jr. and George H. Nichols as sureties thereon, was presented to the board, and on motion, accepted, approved and ordered placed on file.

The bond of Charles F. Lean as sheriff, in the sum of \$10,000, with Peter Ruppe, Jr., Bartholemew Shea, Stephen Williams and Joseph Gardner as sureties thereon, was presented to the board, and on motion, accepted, conditionally upon the approval of the circuit judge.

The bond of R. Skiff Sheldon, with Carlos D. Sheldon as surety thereon, and Angus Kerr, with Edward Uleth and Francis Ward as sureties thereon, as C. C. each in the sum of \$3,000, was presented to the board, and on motion, accepted, approved and ordered placed on file.

On motion, the following resolution was unanimously adopted by the board:

Resolved, That the board of supervisors of Houghton county, do hereby fully endorse the sentiments expressed in the petition relating to the building of Wayne county court house from Michigan red sandstone.

The following preamble and resolution was then, on motion, unanimously adopted by the board:

WHEREAS, The official seal of the register of deeds of the county cannot be conveniently used.

Resolved, That the register of deeds is hereby authorized to procure a new seal for his said office, to be made similar in all respects to the seal now used, and that upon the receipt of the new seal, the seal now in use shall be destroyed in the presence of the clerk, sheriff and register of deeds of this county, who shall file a certificate of said destruction with the county clerk.

The following resolution was, on motion, adopted by the board:

WHEREAS, Mr. George A. Newett, has held the office of commissioner of mineral statistics for one term, and has performed the duties of the office in a most satisfactory manner; it is therefore

Resolved, That this board hereby approves of his conduct during his term of said office, and hereby expresses its desire for his reappointment to said office.

The following bills and accounts were by the finance committee were, on motion, allowed and ordered paid:

James P. Edwards, automatic gas for	\$355.00
Bridge	11.00
J. E. Justice fees	11.00
John B. Curtis, Justice fees	8.00
Casper Brand	25.00
William Fisher	4.00
James P. Edwards, Justice fees	23.00
Ed Lee, officers fees	12.70
Joseph Malherbe, officers fees	21.10
Alex McLean	2.35
Frank Ward	4.00
William A. Dunn	76.95
Board of prisoners Nov	153.00
Board and care of in-	
mate	196.00
William A. Dunn, taking Lena Parks	53.25
Copper Journal, sundry printing	3.00
W. E. Gazette, naturalization record	12.75
Native Copper Times, ad. teacher's ex-	2.00
am	
James P. Edwards, ad. county canvasser's returns	23.80
Hancock Progress, sundry printing	7.00
Hancock Progress, copy of county rules	18.00
Calumet & Co., copy of county rules	3.75
Forming Brothers & Everett, legal blanks and stamps	18.00
Chas. Huello, two teams for super-	4.40
visors to poor house	25.00
R. M. Hone, sundries	4.00
Sturgeon River lumber company, lum-	
ber to Mr. Parks	1.25
J. E. Justice, bail on flag pole	0.50
M. R. E. & P. Co., rate tender on bridge	0.50
James H. Seager, goods to M. H. Shaw	5.00
Wendell & Schulte, goods to James	16.00
Burns	
W. U. Telegraph Co., sundry tele-	10.00
grams, October	7.19
W. U. Telegraph Co., sundry tele-	7.19
grams, November	2.75
P. E. & P. Co., sundry supplies	3.01
Lighting sheriff	
James H. Seager, lighting court house	33.80
P. E. & P. Co., lighting bridge	44.25
M. E. Foley, officers fees	38.00
A. J. McLeod, attending Mat Pankala	8.25
to be allowed at	
A. J. McLeod, examining of inmates	15.00
W. H. Wheeler	15.00
W. H. Wheeler, interpreter in above	
cases	6.00
W. H. Wheeler, witness in above cases	3.00
W. H. Wheeler, service in tax matter	20.00
R. H. Shields	20.00

The board thereupon adjourned until Tuesday, January 12, 1897.

JOHN DUNCAN, Chairman.
ROBERT M. SHIELDS, Clerk.

The monthly members' entertainment in the Y. M. C. A. auditorium by Prof. McNair, assisted by Mr. Knox and James Fisher, was a great treat to the fair-sized audience present. A large number of pieces of the electrical apparatus of the Michigan Mining School laboratory had been set upon the stage, so that all of the electrical experiments made by Prof. McNair could be easily seen by all present. Besides being very instructive the lecture, as illustrated, especially when the ball was darkened, was highly pleasing. Many of the effects were exceedingly beautiful. These monthly entertainments for the association members and auxiliary ladies are becoming deservedly popular.

Hon. O. W. Robinson's railroad bill will have the active support of Governor Pinckney during the next session of the legislature. It is right in line with the mayor-governor's program. A lengthy interview published in the Chicago Times-Herald the governor said, "An Upper Peninsula member had a bill of the kind (railroad bill) last session and it was sidetracked. I'm going to shove it off this winter if I can." Mr. Robinson will receive support this time from many residents of the Upper Peninsula who were before opposed to him because they thought other measures of relief should be tried first.

George Pedlery, who has been at St. Mary's hospital for some time, being treated for a diseased condition of the right arm, underwent amputation of the member today. It was decided by his physicians that heroic measures were the only proper ones, as halfway measures would only necessitate the work being done over again. Pat McCarthy, freight conductor on the H. & C., had a tumor removed from his face Friday and is getting along nicely after the operation.

Friends of the young man named Schulte, of Calumet, were here Saturday circulating a petition for the reduction of his sentence. The lad is now serving a sentence of fifteen years at Marquette for criminal assault. An official of the court convicting Schulte, who knows every circumstance of the case, said that the crime was a most aggravated one and that his influence would never be used to reduce the punishment inflicted.

A new orchestra has been formed in Hancock, consisting of Prof. Joseph Weismiller, Prof. Alderson, leader of the Houghton band, Frank Scheuermann and Charles Rhinehardt. The orchestra will make arrangements for private or public dances and their music will certainly be of the best, for all are artists. They will play for a dance at the Onigaming clubhouse New Year's night.

Outside of the boom it would be to certain lines of business to have the Wayne county supervisors decide to use the Portage Entry stone for the new county building, there are many who would like to see that result on account of the energy Mayor Jacobs, of Marquette, displayed and his boldness in disregarding expenses in giving the supervisors a chance to look at the stone.

Four Hancock families were yesterday made happy by the arrival of little strangers in their midst. There were born to Mr. and Mrs. Henry Dittler, Jr., a son; to Mr. and Mrs. Sommer a son; to Mr. and Mrs. Carl Hankey a daughter, and to Mr. and Mrs. Moritz Kendall a daughter. Hancock is bound to keep up to the census.

For Sale at a Bargain.

One ten-room house, with bath-room, good cellar and large barn: within four blocks of postoffice, Hancock, for cash or on time; time payments would be about the same as rent. Apply to C. D. Hancock, secretary.

The Hancock Maennerchor Lyra is preparing for its annual concert and play to be given at Germania Hall New Year's eve. The Lake Linden maennerchor will assist in producing the play. The program will be published in a few days.

A number of Hancock young ladies, made up of about the same age as a successful leap year party early last winter, will again play the part of hostesses at St. Patrick's Hall the evening of December 28.

Mr. R. H. Breisford was Saturday removed to the home of his daughter, Mrs. E. F. Douglas, in East Houghton. His condition is now such as to rob his friends of all hope of his recovery.

The employees of the Quincy were paid Saturday and the Franklin will pay next Saturday. Both days are earlier than usual, that the men may have their money for holiday purchasing.

The lake was covered with young people Saturday. The thaw had covered the ice with water, removing the snow, and the freest of Friday night made excellent skating.

The list of dealers by wholesale and retail in malt and spirituous liquors, and the amounts paid by them in license to the county, will be found in today's issue of the News.

Editor George Moosbrugger, of the Pioneer, was in Marquette on business Friday and Saturday.

Ontonagon is again connected with the outside world by a daily train service, the C. M. & St. P. having resumed its before-the-fire schedule December 10.

The Onigaming snow shoe club will not organize for a tramp until after the holidays, the soft weather has made the snow unfit for the sport.

Mr. Frank Haun, of Dollar, though not yet out of danger, has considerably improved the past few days.

Attorney D. H. Ball, of Marquette, accompanied by his wife, came up to Houghton Saturday.

Scott Douglass is in the copper country representing a Chicago clothing house.

There will be a dance at the Onigaming club house New Year's eve.

The Hancock Choral society meets Wednesday evening.

George Hocking is now convalescent.

Wouldn't Let Them Be United.

When McKissick's cavalry were in winter quarters in front of Richmond in 1864, the following amusing incident took place: Lieutenant Jack Palmer was lecturing Tom Rodgers for hurting his horse's back. As was his custom on such occasions, he used language that was more forcible than elegant. While the lieutenant was pouring the vials of wrath on poor Tom, Frank Millwood interrupted him by saying, "Lieutenant, what do you think of Dr. Dogan?" "I think he is a first rate fellow—a perfect gentleman," answered the lieutenant. "I don't know so well about that," replied Frank. "Why?" inquired the lieutenant. "Well," says Frank, "I got a letter from home, and it is a certain fact that they took two soldiers to Union the other day on the train, and Dr. Dogan wouldn't let them be buried in the village churchyard."

At this the lieutenant redoubled his anathemas and swore he had a notion to send a detail of men home to kill the doctor. "What object did he have?" continued the lieutenant. "Why," says Frank, "because they weren't dead." Just then Frank beat a hasty retreat under a shower of epithets that were more noted for their force than elegance, and poor Tom caught it worse.—Gaffney (S. C.) Ledger.

Conan Doyle's Rapid Work.

Dr. Conan Doyle is a remarkable worker. Most of his time really seems to be given up to the healthy enjoyment of life. He seems, however, to be able economically to combine work with play. For instance, one may see him engaged in a vigorous game of cricket in the early afternoon, and the cricket may be followed by a brisk country walk with a friend. Returning from the walk, Dr. Doyle will say to the friend: "We dine at 8 o'clock. Perhaps you would like to take a stroll round the garden before dressing while I go up stairs." And he retires, presumably to enjoy a rest. After dinner he may make some such quiet remark as this to his friend, "By the way, rather a happy idea occurred to me during our walk this afternoon." Hereupon he gives the outline of a very fine plot. "What a capital idea for a short story," exclaims the friend. "So I thought," remarks the novelist. "Well, will you do it?" "Oh, I've done it," comes Dr. Doyle's calm reply. "I wrote the story while you were walking in the garden."

A Matter of Courtesy.

An irascible man entered the substantial exactly at 4 o'clock, and, approaching the money order desk, politely requested the presiding genius to issue him an order for \$50. "Too late," said the damsel curtsy, pointing with an ink stained finger to the clock. The indignant man stormed, raved and finally challenged the correctness of the time-piece. The imperturbable lady smiled. The following afternoon, two minutes before the closing hour, he again presented himself and calmly asked, "Am I too late?" "Only just in time," replied the damsel crossly. "Thank you. Now, miss, I must trouble you to issue me 50 orders for \$1 each." "P-i-f-f-y!" gasped the horror stricken woman. Her tea had just arrived and was standing on a table behind the screen. "Surely you are joking!" "Madam," said the man, raising his hat politely, "courtesy begets courtesy."—New York Advertiser.

An Amusing Toast.

A well known young lawyer is credited with making a harmless bull at a banquet given by a legal organization not many nights ago. Toasts were called for, and to the young lawyer fell the honor of suitably remembering the absent friends. This is the way he announced it:

"Our absent friends—how soon we would show them the depth of our regret at their absence if they were only here with us tonight."

And the funniest thing about it was that nobody caught on to the bull until some time afterward.—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Rome's Triumphant Crown.

The triumphal crown of Rome was made of laurel leaves and was given to the general who achieved a great victory over an enemy. He entered the city, not by a gate, but over a portion of the wall which was thrown down to afford a passage. At his funeral his laurel crown was placed in his bier and buried with the body.

The forget-me-not has two or three emblematic meanings. One is suggested by its name; the other was probably originated by its color. Blue among flowers is generally associated with the tender passion.

In 12 days' time the distance between New York and St. Petersburg may be traversed.

EARTH, THE MOTHER OF ALL.

To earth well founded, of all things that live
Most ancient mother, I this song will give.
She doth her nurture upon all bestow.
On land, in air and in the sea below.
With children and rich fruits, O thou divine,
Men thou dost gladden! Life to give is thine
And thine to take. Whom thou dost honor here
Blessed with great store of all good things shall be.
Tearful the corn lands, in broad pastures roam
Large herds, and filled with wealth is every home.
Just rulers in the city there will be
And beautiful dames and full prosperity.
Young lads with lordly with joy's waking powers.
The little maidens on the soft field flowers
In festive dances join. Rich goddess, these
Thy gifts to whom to honor thou dost please.
All hail! O mother of the gods, hail! Thou
Spouse of the starry heaven, do thou enfold
For need of this my song, my minstrelsy
With might that shall all life make glad for me.
And so fresh song will I attune in praise of thee.
—Academy.

ROBERT FULTON'S FIANCEE.

What Betrothal Meant to a Girl Early in the Century.

For Helen Livingston there remained hardly one more year of happy girlhood, free to go and come, dance and be merry, in the old innocent girlish fashion, for at that time betrothal was as sacred as marriage itself and much more restrictive of privileges. That is, the freedom of girlhood was lost and that of the matron had not come. If the lover were present, of course these restrictions were not felt, but in his absence the poor girl had little more liberty than a Hindoo widow. She must not accept even the most ordinary attentions from any man, must dance with no one except her father or brother, and she must always wear, conspicuously displayed, hanging from her neck face outward, the miniature of her future husband.

These miniatures were often skillfully painted on ivory and were usually oval in shape and about 3½ inches by 2½ in size, without counting the gold frames, which were sometimes quite heavy. The broad remarks which it was considered in order for even chance acquaintances to address to the fiancée upon sight of this badge of appropriation were intolerable to Helen Livingston, and rather than subject herself to them she resolutely refrained from accepting an invitation even to her loved "Conan Chancellor's" during the few months of her engagement, which ended in a happy marriage in the spring of 1809.

On one occasion, when a large and most interesting company of American and foreign guests was expected at Clermont, Helen vainly sought her mother's permission to attend without wearing the telltale portrait. Finding that this would not be allowed and realizing that her sister's disappointment would be great, "Sister Patty," only 15, but already tall and stately, heroically volunteered to wear the obnoxious picture, personating its rightful owner. But the innocent fraud was not permitted, and as Helen would not go if obliged to wear the miniature, she was compelled to relinquish the coveted pleasure. Of course the boy lover—he was barely 21—was in no way responsible for this custom, which he subsequently often and justly characterized as odious, and I think that he never liked to see the miniature which had been the means of depriving of ever so small a pleasure the woman whom he idolized through a long life.—"A Group of American Girls Early in the Century," by Helen Evers-Smith Smith, in Century.

Rhea Fiber.

The claim is put forth by the London Times that the Gomess process for treating the rhea fiber is completely successful in rendering that plant a most valuable source of textile material. This process adopts zincate of soda for the elimination of the resins and effects it without the slightest injury to the fiber. After the "ribbons" or strips of bark have been freed from dirt they are placed in weak acid baths for a night. Next morning they are passed through a mild alkaline bath and then boiled in weak solutions of caustic soda to which zinc has been added. When washed and dried by the usual mechanical means, the fibers emerge as a long silky floss, entirely free from the cuticle and resinous gums in which they were imbedded, being also clean, white and ready for the comb of the spinner. They likewise take the most attractive dyes and can be worked into every variety of fabric, from the finest quality of velvets to cheap drills and delicate laces. The combined lightness and toughness of the fiber render it peculiarly suitable for tents and ship canvas, and three-fifths more cloth of equal strength can be produced from rhea than from the same weight of linen—that is, 1,000 yards of rhea canvas weighs only as much as 600 yards of linen, its durability and resisting power to strain being also much greater.

He Knew a Thing or Two.

Sir Charles Gavan Duffy, a former premier of the Australian colony of Victoria, was once made the object of a peculiar embarrassment. A man on a public occasion presented himself to Sir Charles, who had been appointed to some petty government office after a campaign in which there had been questionable electoral practices.

"I suppose," said Sir Charles, "that you are one of my supporters?"

"Three of them," answered the man, with a wink that was impossible to misunderstand.—Pearson's Weekly.

Escaped by a Neck.

"Alas," she exclaimed, "I shall be thrown upon my own resources!" In order to understand the situation it has to be known that her face was her fortune.

However, her apprehensions were groundless. She was thrown upon the back of her head.—Detroit Tribune.

The Roman naval crown was given to the admiral triumphant at sea. It was of gold and its decorations were the prow of ships.

One side of a square acre will require 38 pounds of three line barbed wire for fencing.

WHAT A CHILD WANTS TO BE

Girls Desire to Teach, Boys to Handle Tools, When Grown Up.

Children in their early teens have strange ambitions. From 2,500 replies to the question, "What would you like to do or be when you grow up?" it is recorded in the annual report of the department of instruction in New York that among the girls 38 per cent wanted to be teachers, 24 per cent milliners, 11 per cent clerks and stenographers, 8 per cent housekeepers; storekeepers, nurses and servants, each 2 per cent; artists, 1 per cent; then follow missionaries, musicians, factory hands and those who hope to be wives and mothers, each about three-fourths of 1 per cent. It is indeed a poor showing for the desire for motherhood. What is wrong with our schooling system that most young girls make up their minds that they would like to be teachers, and that only three-fourths of 1 per cent of them express any interest in being a wife and mother?

Among the boys who were questioned the most popular occupations related to the trades. Fourteen per cent had this preference. Next in frequency came the desire to be merchants, 12 per cent; then clerks, 7 per cent; then farmers, 6 per cent; doctors, about 5 per cent; lawyers, about 5 per cent; engineers, nearly 4 per cent; teachers and soldiers, each 3 per cent; railroad men and sailors, each 2½ per cent; business, 2 per cent. The rest named 35 different occupations. It was noticed that the boys thought that an occupation that dealt with tools, plants or animals meant something that conferred power over one's fellows. Only in boys about 7 years old was there a large preference for such occupations as that of policeman, fireman or railroad man. As he grows older the average boy modifies his desire for the perogives, until at 14 he wants to be a bank clerk. There is one interesting exception to this. The ambition to be a sailor appears at 7 and increases slowly, culminating at 14.

Here is the composition of a boy of 14, parents American, his father a laborer: "When I am a man, I will go to sea and be a sailor on the stormy ocean. Then I can see strange and foreign lands and places, where no man but the sailor can go. I can go among the icebergs of the antarctic region, and I can spend a nighty winter in some arctic country. The dark continent holds many joys for the sailor. He can hunt and have adventures without other cost than walking into them. Because I speak in such glowing terms of the sailor does not say that I think he has no discomforts, for what kind of life does not have its full share of the dangers and discomforts? The millionaire frets about the fact that some bank will go under. Even the poorest laborer frets, fearing he and his family will starve to death when he has no work. And now, hurrah for the sailor!"

And here is a little end of the century old maid of 9, of English and American parentage, whose father is a staid minister of the gospel: "I want to marry a man that doesn't smoke, because I don't like the smell of smoke. I want to teach school where they will let me spank the children. For children knead disciplin. I want to wear bloomers all the time. I want to wear a cut-away suit. Because it looks nice with bloomers. I will wear russet shoes and brown stockings. I want to have my hair cut short. Because it will be color."—New York Press.

THE EVANGELISTS.

Perhaps It Is For the Best That None of the Original Gospels Exists.

Some of our readers there may be who find it difficult to understand why, since God has revealed to us his will in a book, or rather in a library of inspired books, as the Bible truly is, he has not at the same time given us an infallible text. How much labor would have been saved had we possessed the autographs of four evangelists! To this we answer that, had one such autograph existed, some branch of the Christian church—possibly every branch, ourselves included—would have made an idol of the writer's parchment while neglecting its teaching altogether. We can only seek to comprehend the ways of Providence in one sphere by observing them in another. Man is the heir of all things, yet he is sent into the world to depend for food, clothing and all the comforts and adornments of life on his own efforts!

Is it not possible that he who gave the word of life designs to quicken our interest in it by arousing afresh in each successive generation of Christians the desire to approach nearer to its sources, to remove the undergrowth of legend and tradition which has sometimes obstructed its free course, and that we are saved from the danger of finding it trite by the feeling that we possess a divine treasure which, though a gift, is not entirely independent of our own exertions for the measure in which it shall minister to our edification?—Agnes Smith Lewis in Century.

Plucking Fowl.

Plucking fowl may be easily and quickly accomplished in this way: As soon as the bird is dead immerse it in a pail of very hot water, the water to cover all the feathers. One minute is usually long enough to keep the fowl under hot water. Too long soaking is liable to discolor the skin. After this hot bath the feathers are so loosened that they can be almost rubbed off. The bird is then rinsed in cold water and wiped with a soft cloth. It should then be put into a cotton bag kept for this purpose and hung in a cool place. When fowls are not to be used at once, they should always be loosely rolled in cloth or paper to keep them from turning dark. Ducks cannot be managed in this way, as their feathers contain so much oil that the water does not penetrate them.—New York Sun.

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Room 3, Strobel Bld., Houghton, Mich.

R. R. TIME-TABLES.

Passenger Trains on M. R. R. R.

In effect December 29, 1896.

a.m.	p.m.	p.m.	Ar	p.m.	p.m.	a.m.
7.45	12.15	5.00	Red Jacket	8.30	2.40	10.30
7.53	12.21	5.06	Laurium	8.34	2.44	10.34
7.57	12.27	5.12	Oscoda	8.38	2.48	10.38
8.05	1.05	5.20	Hancock	8.40	1.50	9.20
8.40	1.10	5.55	Houghton	7.30	1.40	9.05
a.m.	p.m.	p.m.	Ar	p.m.	p.m.	a.m.

* Daily. + Daily except Sunday.

Passenger Trains on H. & C. R. R.

In effect December 29, 1896.

a.m.	p.m.	p.m.	Ar	p.m.	p.m.	a.m.
7.45	12.15	5.00	Lake Linden	8.30	2.40	10.30
7.53	12.21	5.06	Linden	8.34	2.44	10.34
7.57	12.27	5.12	S. L. Linden	8.38	2.48	10.38
8.05	1.05	5.20	Woodside	8.40	1.50	9.20
8.07	1.07	5.22	Dollar Bay	8.42	1.52	9.22
8.25	1.25	5.40	Hancock	7.40	1.50	9.15
8.40						